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SUBJECT: HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

1. DEPARTMENT IS DETAILING MS. HEIDI HANSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, AND LAWRENCE ARTHUR, REFUGEE AND MIGRATION OFFICER, TO PROCEED TO GUANTANAMO TO ASSIST IN DEALING WITH HAITIAN PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND NAVY IS PLANNING PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR HANSON AND ARTHUR FROM MIAMI TO GUANTANAMO.

2. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO DETAIL CREOLE-SPEAKING OFFICER TO JOIN DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE AS SOON AS BASE CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIST IN FINAL,
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CONCERTED EFFORT TO PERSUADE HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO TO RETURN TO HAITI.

3. MS. HANSON WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE BASIS FOR HAITIANS DEPARTURE FROM HAITI INCLUDING ANY FORMER DIFFICULTIES HAITIANS MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE PRESENT REGIME AND BASIS FOR POSSIBLE CLAIMS BY HAITIANS FOR POLITICAL

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ASYLUM. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY STATE PERSONNEL UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MS. HANSON.

4. HANSEN AND ARTHUR WILL MAKE IT CLEARLY AND FIRMLY KNOWN TO THOSE HAITIANS FOUND TO BE ECONOMIC REFUGEES THAT THEY CANNOT REMAIN AT GUANTANAMO, NOR CAN THEY ENTER THE U.S. WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION. SINCE THEIR VESSEL IS UNSEA-WORTHY ONLY REMAINING ALTERNATIVE UNDER UNITED STATES LAW, IS TO RETURN THEY TO HAITI, IF NECESSARY BY ACTION COM-PARABLE TO U.S. DEPORTATION MEASURES. WE WILL STRESS NOT ONLY ASSURANCES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOH CONCERNING THEIR TREATMENT AFTER RETURN TO HAITI, BUT ALSO INFORM THEM THAT THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE AN INTEREST IN THEIR WELFARE AFTER THEIR RETURN, THROUGH APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP WITH HAITIAN AUTHORITIES IF NECESSARY. EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS.

5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS REPORT BY AUGUST 21 OF NUMBER OF HAITIANS WHO ARE ECONOMIC REFUGEES ONLY, NUMBER WHO ARE RETURNING VOLUNTARILY AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT PREPARED TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

6. EMBOFF SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REMAIN AT GUANTANAMO, IF NECESSARY, UNTIL THIS MATTER IS RESOLVED.

7. REQUEST BASE COMMAND DEVELOP INFORMATION ON MAKE-UP OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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